Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, April 24th, 1883.

The City Council met last night in the Council Chamber, Mayor Meredith presiding, and Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd, Becher in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Secretary of the Water Commissioners in reference to the resignation of Mr. A. B. Powell as Chairman.

From P. Hendershot, asking to be allowed to move a frame building on his premises. Granted.

From R. Galpin, appealing against income tax. Filed.

From M. Mulrooney and others, asking additional pay for their teams. No 2.

From F. Templar, R. M. McElheran, L. Adams, P. C Barnard, Thomas McGurdy, G. E. Evans, John Beaton, and W. Gilmour, asking for the appointment of Relief Officer for the city.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That the petition of H. H. Judd be granted; (2) that the petition of C. McCallum and others, relative to the by-law prohibiting the use of firearms within the city limits, be granted; (3) that the petition of John W. Pope and others for a gas lamp in front of the Second Baptist Church on the north side of Horton street be granted; (4) that one-half dozen Robinson's patent fire escapes be procured for the use of the Fire Department, the cost not exceeding $15; (5) that the resignation of Inspector Lee having been accepted, a by-law be prepared and submitted to the Council appointing a successor; (6) your Committee desire to draw the attention of the Council to the very inefficient manner in which the London Gaslight Company has carried out the lighting of street lamps. A large number throughout the city are not lighted until the night is far advanced, and a large number have never been lighted since the company has had the contract for lighting the street lamps. Your Committee would recommend that the company be notified to have all lamps which have not been lighted put in proper order.

The report was on motion adopted.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That the Commissioners' pay-roll amounting to $381.20, and an account of $34 55 of James Turner, pass; (2) that the petition of the Eureka base ball club be granted, subject to the supervision of the Chairman and Engineer; (3) that the petition of the Western Fair Board, for street scrapings, be granted under the direction of the Engineer and Commissioner; (4) that the petition of W. A. & A. G Reid, for a sewer on Ridout street, was referred to the Engineer to have the necessary steps taken to have this, along with other petitions, published in accordance with the Municipal Act; (5) that the petition of W. H. Winnett and others, for a sidewalk on Horton street, between Adelaide and William streets; that of George Cox, for permission to grade a sidewalk on Oxford street, and that of John Ware, in reference to a washout on his lot near Victoria and Regent streets, was also referred to the Engineer to report; (6) that your Committee has appointed a Sub-committee to meet a like committee of London East Council (as requested) in reference to repairs on Adelaide street, and have notified the London East Council of the same, asking them to name the date of meeting; (7) your Committee having appointed a sub-committee at last meeting to obtain the City Solicitor's opinion in reference to Nelles' claim, after laying before him all the information the Committee were in possession of, beg leave to report that we have not received his opinion, and therefore report progress.

The report was taken up clause by clause, and passed without discussion.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman stated that the Committee had no report to present, but desired to lay before the Council the quarterly audit. He moved that the recommendation contained in the report of the auditors by referred to Special Committee of the Council. Carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ald. Birrell (Chairman) reported from the Special Committee as follows:—(1) As Inspector Lee has tendered his resignation as Health and Relief Officer, we would ask the Council to accept the same; (2) we have had a by law prepared for the appointment of his successor; (3) we would recommend to No. 3 Committee that the proposed form of license book be procured at once for the use of the Inspector; (4) that the matter of relief be left entirely in the hands of the Mayor and Relief Inspector, and that the Inspector report on all cases as to whether proper for relief or not, and that the Mayor (or in his absence the Alderman appointed by him to act in his place) sign all orders for such relief; (5) that the Inspector shall enter in his books names of all parties getting relief, time of getting the same, and circumstances of the case; (6) your committee asks leave to sit again.

The first clause passed.

On the second clause being read the election of a City Inspector was proceeded with and resulted in the election of Mr. W. Bell on the following vote, the lowest candidate dropping each time:—

W. Bell	7	8	7	7	7	7
W. Gilmour	5	4	3	4	0	0
J. Beaton	1	0	0	0	0	0
G. E. Evans	5	2	2	0	0	0
T. McGurdy	5	6	6	5	4	0
P. C. Barnard	4	1	0	0	0	0
L. Adams	3	2	2	0	0	0
McIlheron	9	8	8	9	6	0
F. Templar	3	2	0	0	0	6

The yeas and nays were called for as follows:—

Yeas—Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd, Becher.

Nays—The balance of the Council and His Worship Mayor Meredith.

A by-law was then introduced and read three times and passed, confirming the appointment of Mr. Bell.

Clauses two and three passed.

On clause four being read, Ald. Hunt moved that it pass.

Ald. Cowan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the clause be referred to No. 3 Committee to report. Lost.

Clause five also passed and the report was adopted, it being understood that the license book should be procured immediately.

APPOINTING A WATER COMMISSIONER.

A by-law was introduced, and read a first time, providing for the appointing of a Water Commissioner in place of Mr. A. B. Powell, resigned.

Ald. Boyd moved that the by-law be read a second time, and that the name of ex-Ald. R. Pritchard be inserted in the blank.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the by-law be read a second time at the next meeting of the Council.

Ald. Boyd raised a point of order, and held that the appointment should be made according to the by-law.

Considerable humorous discussion took place, during which the Act of Parliament governing the Water Commissioners was hunted up by the Clerk.

At this point a motion to adjourn was moved by Ald. Hyman, and lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

Ald. Becher moved in further amendment that the name of Mr. Jas. H. Fraser be inserted in the by-law instead of Mr. R. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Birrell.

The amendment of Ald. Becher was lost. The yeas and nays were recorded as follows:—

Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, Moore, Becher.

Nays—O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Boyd and his Worship.

Ald. Boyd moved the third reading of the by-law.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the name of Mr. H. E. Nelles be inserted in the by-law instead of Mr. Pritchard.

Ald. Browne stated that Mr. Nelles was not a candidate, and his name was withdrawn.

The by-law was then read a third time and passed.

EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES.

Ald. Stringer's notice of motion relative to the extension of the boundaries northward, was referred to No. 2 Committee to report.

The Council then adjourned for three weeks.